

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Maryland American Legion Day**

3 FOR the purpose of supporting the goals and ideals of American Legion Day and
4 calling on the people of Maryland to observe American Legion Day with
5 appropriate programs and activities.

6 WHEREAS, On September 16, 1919, Congress issued the American Legion a
7 Federal charter; and

8 WHEREAS, The American Legion, a veterans service organization, remains
9 active at the national, State, and local levels; and

10 WHEREAS, American Legion members, known as Legionnaires, donate
11 millions of volunteer hours in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities and
12 State veterans' homes; and

13 WHEREAS, The American Legion sponsors and supports a number of activities
14 for children and youth, including the National Oratorical Contest, Boy Scouts of
15 America, American Legion Baseball, Boys State, and Boys Nation; and

16 WHEREAS, The American Legion awards millions of dollars in college
17 scholarships; and

EXPLANATION:

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.



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1 WHEREAS, The American Legion National Emergency Fund provides financial
2 assistance to Legionnaires who are displaced by natural disasters; and

3 WHEREAS, The American Legion Family Support Network provides assistance
4 to members of the Armed Forces and their families; and

5 WHEREAS, The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has provided
6 millions of dollars for programs focused on America's children and youth, such as the
7 Special Olympics and the Children's Miracle Network; and

8 WHEREAS, The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance program
9 provides grants to veterans who have children and who are experiencing financial
10 hardships; and

11 WHEREAS, The American Legion remains a steadfast supporter of a strong
12 national defense; and

13 WHEREAS, The American Legion supports maintaining a viable but principled
14 foreign affairs agenda; and

15 WHEREAS, The American Legion is a staunch advocate for the principal
16 missions of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

17 WHEREAS, The American Legion played a principal role in the drafting of the
18 Serviceman's Readjustment Act of 1944, also known as the G.I. Bill of Rights; and

19 WHEREAS, The American Legion supports employment programs and
20 opportunities for veterans; and

21 WHEREAS, Legionnaires believe a veteran's service to the United States goes
22 on long after the veteran is discharged from the Armed Forces; and

23 WHEREAS, Many Americans recognize September 16 of each year as American
24 Legion Day; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
26 Maryland General Assembly:

27 (1) supports the goals and ideals of American Legion Day; and

28 (2) calls on the people of Maryland to observe September 16 of each year as
29 American Legion Day with appropriate programs and activities; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
31 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the
32 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
33 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.